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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2913

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UV

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PROGRESS IN NEW GOVERNMENT FORMATION

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 2858

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KARGOUGOU TOLD ME ON LEAVING OUR 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT THAT HE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT MAJORITY SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE MEETING URGENTLY THAT NIGHT ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. KARGOUGOU AT ANOTHER SOCIAL EVENT LATER THAT EVENING (AFTER THE POLITICAL MEETING) FOR VISITING FRG MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ASSERTED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN PLACE "BY END OF THIS WEEK".

2. COMMENT: OUR 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION BROUGHT MAJORITY LEADERS, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GERARD KANGO OUEDRAOGO AND JOSEPH CONOMBO, AS WELL AS SEVERAL DEPUTIES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER MAJORITY REPRESENTATIVES  
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DEPARTED, OPPOSITION LEADERS JOSEPH OUEDRAOGO AND DR. JOSEPH KI-ZERBO ARRIVED AT RECEPTION. THIS WAS FIRST TIME THAT MAJORITY AND OPPOSITION OFFICIALS HAVE APPEARED PUBLICALLY AT SAME PLACE, ALTHOUGH NOT AT SAME TIME, SINCE OPPOSITION BOYCOTT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH BEGAN JUNE 9.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH PARTY LEADERS MY IMPRESSION IS THAT

THE BASIC DECISION ON WHETHER TONISH THROUGH WITH THE 29  
MEMBER MAJORITY ALONE OR TO COOPT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS HAS  
ALREADY BEEN MADE--LAMIZANA AND HIS SUPPORTERS WILL  
ATTEMPT TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT WITH EXISTING SLIM AND  
DISPUTED "MAJORITY". THE NAME OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER  
AND MAJOR UDV-RDA LEADER JOSEPH CONOMBO AS LAMIZANA'S  
CHOICE FOR PRIME MINISTER COMES INCREASINGLY TO THE FOREFRONT  
CONOMBO'S CANDIDACY IS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY THE OPPOSITION,  
AND HIS NOMINATION WOULD PROBABLY PUT AN END TO WHATEVER  
MEAGER PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SWINGING OVER SOME OPPOSITION  
ELEMENTS. KILLION

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